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1. REFTEL B DISCUSSED FINANCE MINISTER ABDELLATIF
GHISSASSI'S REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH SECRETARY
BLUMENTHAL, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND EXIM BANK
CHAIRMAN JOHN MOORE. DIRECTEUR DE CABINET OMAR KABBAJ
SAID THAT MINISTER GHISSASSI ALSO IS INTERESTED IN
SPEAKING TO AN AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION, EITHER
IN NEW YORK OR PREFERABLY WASHINGTON. EMBOFF SUGGESTED
A GROUP SUCH AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS
OR US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. PURPOSE OF GHISSASSI'S SPEECH
WOULD BE TO ACQUAINT US BUSINESS EXECUTIVES WITH CURRENT
ECONOMIC CONDITIMNS IN MOROCCO AND GOM'S DESIRE TO SEE
INCREASED U.S. INVESTMENT HERE. PLEASE ADVISE IF EITHER
GROUP OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE INTERESTED. FAILING ABOVE
BCIU IN NEW YORK MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SCHEDULING
GHISSASSI FOR BUSINESS LUNCHEON SPEECH IN NEW
YORK.

2. NOTING THAT THE IMF/IBRD MEETINGS WOULD END ON
THURSDAY, M. KABBAJ SAID THAT MINISTER GHISSASSI WOULD
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LIKE TO VISIT AN OIL SHALE OPERATION, AND MENTIONED
SPECIFICALLY THE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM IN SITU RETORTING
PROCESS FACILITY. A FEW MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD
BE ABLE TO EXTEND THEIR VISIT THROUGH THE WEEKEND
SHOULD SUCH A TOUR PROVE FEASIBLE.MOFFAT

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